casualties and loss to properties due to Railway accidents during the last two months;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made about those accidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken to prevent such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) As per provisional information, 26 persons lost their lives and 83 sustained injuries in train accidents during July and August 1991. The cost of damage to railway property has been estimated at Rs. 3.57 crores.

The accidents were mainly due to human failure, equipment failure and sabotage. Some of the important steps taken to reduce the accidents are induction of technical devices to aid the human element, intensive and frequent inspections of sensitive installations, monitoring the perforomance of the staff of critical safety categories such as drivers, guards, station masters, etc., intensive training including psyhological checks of staff in operational categories, surprise checks against carriage of inflammable|explosive material in passenger trains, provision of whistle boards/speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of unmanned level crossings and improving visibility for road users and train drivers.

Out of Turn allotment of Government Accommodation

756. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be plesaed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cancelled the allotment of Government accommodation on priority basis sanctioned by the former Minister of Urban Development on the recommendation of the then Ministers;

(b) if so, the number of cases in which the allotments has been canceled and where sanction has already been communicated to the individuals; and

(c) what are the reasons for cancelling the communicated sanctions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) 135 sanctions pending or ad-hoc alloments of Government accommodation ordered by the then Urban Development Minister after 2nd April, 1991, the date on which the Code of Conduct for political parties came into force, have been cancelled. Some of these sanctions were ordered by the former Urban Development Minister in cases recommended by the then Ministers.

Welfare of Beedi Workers in U.P.

757. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any system for redressal of grievances of beedi workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the indifferent attitude of Labour Commissioned|Inspectors towards the problems of beedi workers in Allahabad region; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure effective tackling of beedi worker's problems?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) and (b) Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 provide for the regulation of the working and service conditions of beedi workers and any grievances in respect of non-implementation/contravention of the provisions of the Act are taken congnizance by the State Governments, who are responsible for implementation of the Act. In the case of complaints received by the